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Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

A Cancel claim 41, without prejudice.

Add new claim 137 to read as follows:

A2 - 137. The compound of claim 39 which is (3R,4S,5S)-3-(1,4-dimethoxy-

naphthalen-2-ylmethoxy)-4-[4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl]-piperidin-5-ol. --

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-136 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have

hereinabove canceled claim 41, without prejudice to filing such claim in a future

application claiming the benefit of the present applications' filing date under 35 U.S.C.

§120, and added new claim 137. Accordingly, claims 1-40 and 42-137 are now pending

in the subject patent application.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office required that a single species be elected for

examination purposes. In response to this election requirement, applicants request that

the species claimed in new claim 137, i.e. (3R,4S,5S)-3-(1,4-dimethoxy-naphthalen-2-

ylmethoxy)-4-[4-[3-(2-methoxy-benzyloxy)-propoxy]-phenyl]-piperidin-5-ol, (and supported

in Example 112 - compound 11 and Example ZZ) be examined at this time. New claim

137 corresponds to originally filed claim 41 without the spelling error. Applicants look

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forward to the species embodied by the compound of claim 137 being found patentable

and to a further determination of patentablity for the genus that includes this elected

species, as embodied in claim 1.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the

subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney requests that he be contacted at the

number provided below.

No fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is

deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to

Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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